



USAID GREEN ANNAMITES

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Forests play a critical role in Vietnam by protecting watersheds, preventing soil erosion, and building resilience for communities. Forests in the Annamites region of Vietnam are home to rare and endemic species found nowhere else in the world. Unfortunately, these forests, and the species that live in them, are depleting at an alarming rate due to conversion into other economic uses, as well as from activities of surrounding forest-dependent populations who lack alternative economic means. The USAID Green Annamites project supports Vietnam's transition to sustainable and resilient development that protects people, landscapes, and biodiversity in the central Annamites, with a focus on Quang Nam and Thua Thien Hue provinces.

INCREASES APPLICATION OF LOW EMISSION LAND USE

USAID Green Annamites supports the provinces of Quang Nam and Thua Thien Hue to conserve their forests. It assists the provinces to stop small scale deforestation and forest degradation and unsustainable agricultural practices; and to restore degraded landscapes. Key activities improve livelihoods for local forest-dependent communities through a value chain approach and partnerships with the private sector.

STRENGTHENS BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

The project assists the target provinces to mitigate threats to their globally significant biodiversity, including poaching and activities that destroy wildlife habitat and cause habitat fragmentation. Key interventions include promoting a landscape approach in biodiversity conservation and creating alternative livelihoods for local communities, which will thereby lessen negative impacts on biodiversity. Building capacity for key stakeholders, such protected area authorities, is critical.

INCREASES RESILIENCE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

USAID Green Annamites builds adaptive capacity for stakeholders such as officials of Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and vulnerable communities in Thua Thien Hue and Quang Nam. The project assists these stakeholders to assess their vulnerability and develop technically sound action plans, which lay a foundation for them to effectively adapt to environmental impacts. Sustainable livelihoods for vulnerable communities are also a key activity.

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